

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 648**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally**

February 19, 2003

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An act to add Article 7 (commencing with 33600) to Chapter 4 of Part 20 of the Education Code, relating to commissions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 648, as introduced, Dymally. Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission.

Existing law establishes various state educational commissions.

This bill would establish the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission with a specified membership. The bill would require the commission, prior to the 2004–05 school year, to develop 3 alternative ways to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka in a manner that appropriately involves the public school system. The bill would further require the commission to provide the State Department of Education with these 3 alternatives from which the department would be required to select one for implementation.

The bill would require the commission, every year thereafter, to study and provide assistance and advice to the department regarding program and curriculum development on related human rights issues.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Article 7 (commencing with Section 33600) is added to Chapter 4 of Part 20 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 7. Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission

33600. There is hereby established in the state government the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission consisting of two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and five members appointed by the Governor. At least one of the members appointed by the Governor shall be chosen from a national civil rights organization, and one of the members appointed by the Governor shall represent the State Department of Education. The nine appointed members shall be broadly reflective of the general public of the state.

33601. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her representative shall serve as executive secretary to the commission.

33602. The commission shall develop three alternative ways to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (1954) 347 U.S. 483, in a manner that appropriately involves the public school system.

The commission, during the 2004–05 school year, shall provide the State Department of Education with these three alternative ways and the department shall choose one of the three alternatives and authorize the implementation of that alternative in the public school system.

The commission, every year thereafter, shall study and provide assistance and advice to the department regarding program and curriculum development on related issues, including, but not limited to, human rights, equality, compassion, tolerance, and cultural competence.